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An English language version of the International Preliminary Examination Report is submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC G06F9/06, G06F9/445			
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<p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application 	
<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>	
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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-17, 22-25	YES
	Claims	1-3, 18-21, 26, 27	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5-17, 22-25	YES
	Claims	1-4, 18-21, 26, 27	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-27	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 10-55259 A (International Business Machines Corp.), 24 February 1998, entire text, all drawings & US 5910779 A & EP 801342 A2 & CN 1173672 A

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 3, 18 to 21, 26 and 27 are disclosed in document 1 cited in the international search report; therefore, these inventions lack novelty and do not involve an inventive step.

Claim 4 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to include mail software within the program which is initiated by the invention that is disclosed in document 1.

The inventions that are set forth in claims 5 to 17 and 22 to 25 are not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.